REMARKS

The present amendment after final rejection is being made to place the application in better form for appeal.

The amendment to the specification has been made to incorporate "silicon oxide and aluminum oxide" into the specification. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 39. This amendment does not add new matter or require additional search.

The amendment to claim 63 has been made to delete the term "alkaline" since the Examiner has asserted that there is no support for the term "alkaline." Applicant does not agree with the Examiner because there is support that elution buffers are known to be alkaline on page 2, last line. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, the term "alkaline" has been deleted from claim 63. Further, the step of "adding neutralization buffer to said third reservoir tube to stabilize said DNA or said RNA" has been deleted from claim 63 to expedite prosecution. These amendments do not require further search because they delete subject matter.

The amendment to claim 65 has been made that deletes the temperature of 956C. Applicant discovered that the temperature that was recited was a typographical error and, therefore, has deleted the temperature of 956C. Claim 65 now states that the reservoir tube is heated for a sufficient time to denature.

All of the above amendments to the claims are believed to be proper and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116 because they have been made to vcomply with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action and/or present the rejected claims in better form for appeal.

Entry of these amendments and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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